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Our Mother OF Perpetual Help

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PRAY FOR US.
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— Novenas —

Devout clients of our Blessed Lady will perhaps desire to know what is the meaning of a Novena, or when such a pious practice was first introduced?

The practice of making a Novena, or nine days' prayer, dates back to the time when our Blessed Lady and the Apostles, after the ascension of our Lord into heaven, remained nine days in prayer, in preparation for the coming of the Holy Ghost.

Ever since that time it has been a pious custom of the faithful to make Novenas in commemoration of some mystery in the life of our Lord, or in honor of the Blessed Virgin, or some Saint for whom they have particular devotion, hoping thereby to obtain some special grace or favor, through the intercession of these privileged friends of God.

During the last quarter of a century, perhaps the most popular Novena among all classes of the faithful throughout the entire Christian world, is in honor of our dear and Immaculate Mother, under the sweet and consoling title of "Our Lady of Perpetual Help," and Mary, on her part, has ever shown herself to justify that beautiful title, as thousands in all parts of the globe can testify, who have received extra ordinary favors, both spiritual and temporal, when invoking her intercession.

It seems as if Almighty God, ever guiding the Church, and her faithful children, with His Holy Spirit, reserved this beautiful devotion for the close of the nineteenth century, to reawaken in an extraordinary manner, devotion to His ever

Blessed Mother, under that sweet and loving title. He did this also to manifest how pleasing it is to His tender and loving heart, to bestow, on the devout clients of our Blessed Lady, His choicest graces and favors, when invoked under that sweet and endearing name of "Perpetual Help".

The questions are frequently asked: When and how, should a Novena be made? What should be done? What prayers should be said, etc.

In answer to such questions, we will say, there is no special form prescribed by the Church; but the following prayers and pious practices are most suitable to obtain the graces or favors solicited.

To assist in keeping before the mind of the person or persons making the Novena, as also to inspire greater confidence and devotion, it would be well to observe the following Rules:

1. Place a picture of our Mother of Perpetual Help in a prominent place, and before the picture candles, which should be burning while the prayers of the Novena are being recited.

2. If possible, have all the members of your family join in the Novena.

3. Perform some little acts of self-denial. Give alms to some poor person or assist in some other good work.

4. Make some promise to our Blessed Lady, should the request be granted, for instance, to have a Mass of Thanksgiving said in her honor.

5. Approach the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion during the Novena hoping thereby to render yourself more worthy to obtain the favor asked.

THE CONFRATERNITY OF OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Membership requirements are very simple:

Have your name recorded at a church where the Confraternity has been established. Recite the Act of Consecration once a month.

Members can gain many Indulgences:

Plenary Indulgences on the day of enrollment, on the Church's principal feasts, on all the feasts of the Blessed Virgin.

Partial Indulgences can be gained every day, in many ways; for the wearing of the medal, for visiting the church, and for various prayers and ejaculations.

Members are aided in their prayers by the prayers of millions of members throughout the world.

All Confraternities of our Mother of Perpetual Help are affiliated with the Archconfraternity in Rome.

You will find the complete list of Indulgences for members of the Confraternity on the following two pages.

SUMMARY OF THE INDULGENCES

which can be gained by members of the Confraternity of our Mother of Perpetual Help.

A) A Plenary Indulgence under the conditions of Confession, Communion, a visit to some church or public oratory and a prayer for the intention of the Supreme Pontiff may be gained:

I.) by those who are inscribed in the Confraternity, on the day of their admission or on one of the seven immediately following days.

II.) by individual members.

1—On the day on which is celebrated the affiliation of their sodality with the Archconfraternity.

2—On the feast days of our Mother of Perpetual Help and of St. Alphonsus or on any one of the seven days immediately following these feasts.

3—Four times a year, at a time of their choice, if they have been accustomed to recite at least once each day the prayer "O most zealous Doctor, St. Alphonsus....."

4—Once a year on the day on which they have been present at the Mass that is officially celebrated for the souls of the deceased members of the Archconfraternity.

5—Once a month, **a)** on a day of their choice on which they shall have renewed to our Mother of Perpetual Help and to Saint Alphonsus the consecration of themselves which they made according to the rule of the Confraternity on the day of their adscription; **b)** if they shall have recited at least once a day for an entire month the invocation "O Mary, Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for me. My Protector, Saint Alphonsus, make me call on Mary in all my needs."

6—As often as they shall have assisted at least twice at services of a Triduum or Novena in honor of our Mother of Perpetual Help.

B) A Plenary Indulgence at the Hour of Death may be gained by individual members who, after Confession and Communion, or at least with contrition, pronounce the most holy name of Jesus, with their lips if possible, or, if not, at least devoutly invoke it in their hearts and patiently accept death, as a penalty of sin, from the hand of God.

C) A Partial Indulgence may be gained by individual members who have at least heartfelt contrition:

I.) of seven years and of seven times forty days.

1—On the feast days of our Mother of Good Counsel; of the holy Archangels Michael and Gabriel; and of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist, if they have visited a

church or public oratory and have prayed for the intention of the Supreme Pontiff;

2—As often as they have been present at any of the services mentioned above under letter A, no. II, 6, and have prayed for the intention of the Pope.

3—Once a day, if they have recited the prayer "O most zealous Doctor, St. Alphonsus ....."

II.) of three hundred days:

1—On any day on which they have visited the image of our Mother of Perpetual Help or of St. Alphonsus in any church or public oratory and prayed there, as above;

2—Three times each day if morning, noon and evening they have devoutly recited the invocations mentioned above under letter A), no. II), 6—b).

III.) of one hundred days, once a day, if they have devoutly recited the antiphon "Holy Mary, help..... .....whoever implores Thy perpetual help;"

IV.) of sixty days as often as they have assisted at Masses or other divine Services in any church or public oratory, or as often as they have performed any work of piety or charity, according to the ends of the sodality.

D) An indult in virtue of which all the Masses said by any priest for the benefit of a soul of a member of the Archconfraternity who has departed this life in the grace of God will benefit that soul to the same extent as if those Masses had been offered at a privileged altar.

On January 20, 1932, the Sacred Apostolic Penitentiary compared the summary given above with the authentic documents and found that it agreed with them and approved it and declared that it is to be regarded as the only collection of Indulgences granted up to the present time by the Holy See to the Archconfraternity mentioned above and permits this summary to be printed and published. All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

S. Luzio, S. P. Regens **S. De Angelis,** Subst.

By a perpetual Indult of the Sacred Apostolic Penitentiary of April 14, 1931, the Supreme Moderator of the Archconfraternity of our Mother of Perpetual Help and of St. Alphonsus Liguori, and also the Directors of the Sodalities affiliated with this Archconfraternity (but not priests who take the place of these Directors), and also all regular or secular priests who have been delegated by the above-mentioned Supreme Moderator to inscribe the faithful, all these can, but only in favor of the members, bless "Coronae" Rosaries, Crosses, Crucifixes, little Statues, holy Medals, and apply to them the Apostolic Indulgences and also to what are known as Briggitine Rosaries.

— Novena Hymns —

O MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

O Mother of Perpetual Help,
To Thee we come imploring aid;
Behold us here from far and near,
To ask of Thee our help to be.

Perpetual Help we beg of Thee,
Our soul from sin and sorrow free;
Direct our wandering feet aright,
And be Thyself our own true light.

Be Thou to us through all this life,
The starlight of this earthly strife.
And Mother when I come to die,
Be Thou, Thy spouse and Jesus nigh.

And when this life is o'er for me,
This last request I ask of Thee:
Obtain for me in heaven this grace
To see my God there face to face.

LIFT THY VOICE

Lift thy voice to heaven's portals
Where thy Mother is enthroned.
Tell Her, all thy cares and troubles;
By Her shalt thou be consoled.
No one ever was rejected,
Who to Her, for help applied.
Seek Her aid with faith unbounded,
She will be thy solace tried.
Mary, Mother of our Lord!
Be Thou Mother to us all!
From Thy children all sin ward,—
Help us Mary, lest we fall.

Grant that in our homes may flourish,
Christ-like love, and feelings kind.
Make all discord, hatred vanish;
Keep Thy children pure and mild.
Be Thou, Model true and sinless,
To all mothers, fathers too!
Into roses change our thistles,
Help us to be good and true.
Mary, Mother of our Lord!
Be Thou Mother to us all!
From Thy children all sin ward,—
Help us Mary, lest we fall.

LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOR

Lady of Perpetual Succor,
Stoop to hear Thy children's pray'r;
List Thou to our humble pleading,
From a world of sin and care;
Touch the hearts of all poor sinners,
Repentant tears on them bestow,
Let your kind hand place the thirsty
Where redeeming waters flow.

Succor give to all who need it,
Aid them in temptation's hour;
Bless our parents, teachers, pastors,
Choicest favors on them show'r;
Shield with love our Alma Mater,
Crown it with your graces fair,
Grant to it a mother's blessing,
Guard it with a mother's care.

Teach us how to show compassion
Toward the fallen and the weak:
Love and kindness, truth and ardor,
Shining forth in all we speak;

Then, when length'ning shadows tell us,
Death is closing life's last ray,
"Perpetual Succor", bear our spirits
To the realms of endless day.

MOTHER DEAREST, MOTHER FAIREST

Mother dearest, Mother fairest,
Help of all who call on Thee,
Virgin purest, brightest, rarest,
Help us, help, we cry to Thee.

Mary, help us, help we pray,
Mary, help us, help we pray,
Help us in all care and sorrow:
Mary, help us, help we pray.

Lady, help in pain and sorrow,
Soothe those rack'd on beds of pain,
May the golden light of morrow,
Bring them health and joy again.

Help our priests, our virgins holy,
Help our Pope, long may he reign,
Pray that we who sing Thy praises,
May in heav'n all meet again.

Lady, help the wounded soldier,
Set the pining captive free,
Help the sailor in mid-ocean,
Help those in their agony.

Lady, help the absent loved ones,
How we miss their presence here,
May the hand of Thy protection
Guide and guard them far and near.

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OUR PERPETUAL HELP

Sweet Mother, Lady of Perpetual Help,
Sweetest picture artist ever drew.
In all my doubts, I fly to Thee for guidance,
Mother tell me what am I to do!
Stir my heart, while gazing on Thy features,
With the old, old story ever new.
[: How our Lord, has loved His sinful creatures
Then dear Mother, show me what to do.:]

Be of all my friends the best and dearest,
Oh, my Counsellor, sincere and true.
Let Thy voice sound always first and clearest,
Mother tell me what am I to do!
In Thy guidance tranquilly reposing,
Now I face my toils and cares anew.
[: All through life and at its awful closing,
Mother tell me what am I to do! :]

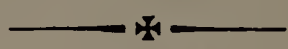
MOTHER DEAR, O PRAY FOR ME!

Mother dear, O pray for me!
Whilst far from heaven and Thee.
I wander in a fragile bark
O'er life's tempestuous sea.
O Virgin Mother, from Thy throne,
So bright in bliss above,
Protect Thy child and cheer my path
With Thy sweet smile of love.

Mother dear, remember me,
And never cease Thy care,
Till in heaven eternally,
Thy love and bliss I share.

Mother dear, O pray for me!
Should pleasure's siren lay,
E'er tempt Thy child to wander far
From Virtue's path away.
When thorn's beset life's devious way,
And darkling waters flow;
Then Mary aid Thy weeping child,
Thyself a Mother show.

Mother dear, O pray for me!
When all looks bright and fair,
That I may all my danger see,
For surely then 'tis near.
A mother's pray'r how much we need
If prosp'rous be the ray
That paints with gold the flow'ry mead
Which blossoms in our way.



ON THIS DAY

On this day, O beautiful Mother,
On this day we give Thee our love.
Near Thee, Madonna, fondly we hover,
Trusting Thy gentle care to prove.

On this day we ask to share,
Dearest Mother, Thy sweet care;
Aid us ere our feet astray
Wander from Thy guiding way.

Queen of angels, deign to hear
Lisping children's humble pray'r;
Young hearts gain, O Virgin pure,
Sweetly to Thyself allure.

HOLY MARY, MOTHER MILD

Holy Mary, Mother mild,
O sweet, sweet Mother!
Hear, O hear Thy feeble child,
O sweet, sweet Mother!

O, exult ye Cherubim!
And rejoice ye Seraphim!
Praise Her, praise Her!
O praise our spotless Mother!

Tossed on life's tempestuous sea,
O sweet, sweet Mother!
Cast Thy tender eyes on me,
O sweet, sweet Mother!

Brightest in the courts above,
O sweet, sweet Mother!
Joy of angels, Queen of love,
O sweet, sweet Mother!

Maiden Mother, hear my prayer,
O sweet, sweet Mother!
Prove to us Thy loving care,
O sweet, sweet Mother!

COME HOLY GHOST

Come Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
And in our hearts take up Thy rest;
Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid,
[: To fill the hearts which Thou hast made. :]

O Comforter to Thee we cry;
Thou heavenly gift of God Most High;
Thou fount of life and fire of love,
[: And sweet anointing from above. :]

VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS

Veni Creator Spiritus,
Mentes tuorum visita,
Imple superna gratia,
Quae tu creasti pectora.

Deo Patri sit gloria,
Et Filio, qui a mortuis
Surrexit, ac Paraclito,
In saeculorum saecula. Amen.

HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE THY NAME

Holy God, we praise Thy Name!
Lord of all, we bow before Thee!
All on earth Thy sceptre claim,
All in heaven above adore Thee.
[: Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign. :]

Hark! the loud celestial hymn,
Angel choirs above are raising!
Cherubim and Seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising.
[: Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord,
Holy! Holy! Holy Lord. :]

— Novena Prayers —

REGULAR WHITE CROSS EDITION

*All Prayers are to be recited aloud by the entire congregation—kneeling. Pause at the (*) Asterisks*

INDULGENCED PRAYERS TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Behold at Thy feet, O Mother of Perpetual Help! * a wretched sinner who has recourse to Thee, and confides in Thee. * O Mother of Mercy! have pity on me. * I hear Thee called by all, * the Refuge and the Hope of sinners; * be then, my refuge and my hope. * Assist me, for the love of Jesus Christ; * stretch forth Thy hand to a miserable fallen creature, * who recommends himself to Thee, * and who devotes himself to Thy service forever. * I bless and thank Almighty God, * Who in His mercy has given me this confidence in Thee, * which I hold to be a pledge of my eternal salvation. * It is true, dearest Mother, * that in the past I have miserably fallen into sin, * because I had not recourse to Thee. * I know, that with Thy help, I shall conquer. * I know, too, that Thou wilt

assist me, * if I recommend myself to Thee; * but I fear, dear Mother, * that in time of danger, * I may neglect to call on Thee, and thus lose my soul. * This grace, then, I ask of Thee, * and this I beg, with all the fervor of my soul, * that, in all the attacks of hell, * I may ever have recourse to Thee. * O Mary! help me; * O Mother of Perpetual Help, * never suffer me to lose my God. *

— *Three or Five Hail Marys* —

℣ Mother of Perpetual Help! * grant that I may ever invoke Thy most powerful name, * which is the safeguard of the living and the salvation of the dying. * O Purest Mary! O Sweetest Mary! * let Thy name henceforth be ever on my lips. * Delay not, O Blessed Lady! * to help me whenever I call on Thee; * for, in all my temptations, in all my needs, * I shall never cease to call on Thee, * ever repeating Thy Sacred Name, Mary! Mary! * Oh, what consolation, * what sweetness, * what confidence, * what emotion fills my soul * when I utter Thy Sacred Name, * or even only think of Thee! * I thank the Lord for having given Thee, for my good, * so sweet, so powerful, so lovely a

name. * But I will not be content with merely uttering Thy name, * let my love for Thee prompt me ever to hail Thee, * Mother of Perpetual Help. *

— *Three or Five Hail Marys* —

℣ Mother of Perpetual Help, * Thou art the dispenser of all the gifts * which God grants to us miserable sinners; * and for this end He has made Thee so powerful, so rich and so bountiful, * in order that Thou mayest help us in our misery. * Thou art the advocate of the most wretched and abandoned sinners * who have recourse to Thee; * come to my aid dearest Mother, * for I recommend myself to Thee. * In Thy hands I place my eternal salvation, * and to Thee I entrust my soul. * Count me among Thy most devoted servants; * take me under Thy protection, and it is enough for me. * For, if Thou protect me, dear Mother, * I fear nothing; * not from my sins, * because Thou wilt obtain for me the pardon of them; * nor from the devils, * because Thou art more powerful than all hell together; * nor even from Jesus, my Judge, * because by one prayer from Thee, * He will be appeased. *

But one thing I fear, * that in the hour of temptation, * I may through negligence fail to have recourse to Thee * and thus perish miserably. * Obtain for me, therefore, the pardon of my sins, * love for Jesus, * final perseverance, * and the grace to have recourse to Thee, * O Mother of Perpetual Help.

— *Three or Five Hail Marys* —

Indulgence of 500 days. (392)

Use Only ONE of the Two Following Orations

PRIEST—Thou hast been made for us O Lady, a refuge.

PEOPLE—A Helper in need and tribulation.

PRIEST—LET US PRAY:—O Lord Jesus Christ, Who didst give to us Thy Mother Mary, whose renowned Image we venerate, to be a Mother ever ready to help us, grant, we beseech Thee, that we who constantly implore her aid may merit to enjoy perpetually the fruits of Thy redemption, Who livest and reignest forever and ever.

PEOPLE—Amen.

—*OR*

PRIEST—Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

PEOPLE—That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

PRIEST—LET US PRAY: O Almighty and Merciful God, Who hast given us for our veneration the picture of Thy most Blessed Mother under the special title of Perpetual Help; graciously grant us that, amid all the changes of this life, we may be so strengthened by the constant protection of the same Immaculate and ever Virgin Mary, as to merit the reward of Thy eternal redemption; Thou Who livest and reignest world without end.

PEOPLE—Amen.

PRAYER OF SAINT ALPHONSUS
IN HONOR OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Most Holy Immaculate Virgin and my Mother Mary, * to Thee, Who art the Mother of my Lord, * the Queen of the world, * the Advocate, the Hope, and the Refuge of sinners, * I have recourse today, * I who am

the most miserable of all. * I render Thee my most humble homages, O Great Queen: * and I thank Thee for all the graces * Thou hast conferred on me until now; * particularly for having delivered me from hell * which I have so often deserved. * I love Thee, O most Amiable Lady; * and for the love which I bear Thee, * I promise to serve Thee always * and to do all in my power * to make others love Thee also. * I place in Thee all my hopes, * I confide my salvation to Thy care. * Accept me for Thy servant, * and receive me under Thy mantle, * O Mother of Mercy. * And since Thou art so powerful with God, * deliver me from all temptations, * or rather obtain for me the strength * to triumph over them until death. * Of Thee I ask a perfect love for Jesus Christ. * Through Thee I hope to die a good death. * O my Mother, * by the love which Thou bearest to God, * I beseech Thee, to help me at all times, * but especially at the last moment of my life. * Leave me not, I beseech Thee, * until Thou seest me safe in heaven, * blessing Thee and singing Thy mercy for all eternity. * Amen, so I hope; so may it be. *

Indulgence of 3 years. (312)

ACT OF CONSECRATION

Desiring to consecrate myself entirely * to the service of the ever Blessed Virgin Mary, * from whom after God, * I expect all help and assistance in life and in death, * unite myself with the members of this pious Archconfraternity, * which has been erected in honor of our Mother of Perpetual Help. *

And as my special patron I choose the glorious Saint Alphonsus, * that he may obtain for me * a true and lasting devotion to the ever Blessed Virgin, * who is honored by so sweet a name. *

I promise, moreover, * to renew my consecration to the holy Mother of God and Saint Alphonsus, * on the.....day of the month or on the Sunday following, * and also to receive the Holy Sacraments. *

O Mother of Perpetual Help, * receive me as Thy servant, * and grant that I may experience * Thy constant motherly assistance. * I promise to have recourse to Thee * in all my spiritual and temporal necessities. * My holy patron Saint Alphonsus, * obtain for me an ardent love for Jesus Christ, * and constancy in invoking the Mother of Perpetual Help. Amen. *

— NOVENA HYMN —

All Hymns are to be sung by the entire Congregation—Standing

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— Novena Prayers —

THE WESTERN EDITION

*All Prayers are to be recited aloud by the entire congregation—kneeling. Pause at the (*) Asterisks*

PRAYER IN SPIRITUAL WANTS

(1) Mother of Perpetual Help, * with the greatest confidence, we come before Thy sacred Picture, * in order to invoke Thine aid. * Thou hast seen the wounds which Jesus has been pleased to receive for our sake; * Thou hast seen the Blood of Thy Son flowing for our salvation; * Thou knowest how Thy Son desires to apply to us the fruits of His Redemption. * Behold we cast ourselves at Thy feet, * and pray Thee to obtain for our souls the graces we stand so much in need of. * O Mary, most loving of all mothers, * obtain for us from the heart of

Jesus, the source of every good, * these graces * (here mention them silently). * O Mother of Perpetual Help, * Thou desirest our salvation far more than we ourselves: * Thy Son has given Thee to us for our Mother; * Thou hast Thyself chosen to be called, Mother of Perpetual Help. * We trust not in our merits, but in Thy powerful intercession; * we trust in Thy goodness; * we trust in Thy motherly love. * Mother of Perpetual Help, * for the love Thou bearest to Jesus, Thy Son and our Redeemer; * for the love of Thy great servant Alphonsus; * for the love of our souls, * obtain for us the graces we ask from Thee. * Amen.

— *Three or Five Hail Marys* —

PRAYER IN TEMPORAL WANTS

¶ Mother of Perpetual Help, * numerous clients continually surround Thy holy Picture, * all imploring Thy mercy. * All bless Thee as the assured help of the miserable; * all feel the benefit of Thy motherly protection. * With confidence, then, do we present ourselves before Thee in our misery. * See, dear Mother, the many evils to which we are exposed; * see how numerous are

our wants. * Trials and sorrows often depress us; * reverses of fortune and privations often grievous bring misery into our lives; * everywhere we meet the cross. * Have pity, Compassionate Mother, on us and on our dear ones; * especially in this our necessity * (here mention it silently). * Help us, dear Mother, in our distress; * deliver us from all our ills; * or, if it be the will of God that we should suffer still longer, * grant that we may endure all with love and patience. * These graces we expect of Thee with confidence, * because Thou art our Perpetual Help. Amen. *

— *Three or Five Hail Marys* —

PRAYER TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

¶ Mother of Perpetual Help, * Thou art the dispenser of all the goods which God grants to us miserable sinners; * and, for this reason, has He made Thee so powerful, so rich, and so bountiful, * that Thou mayest help us in our misery. * Thou art the advocate of the most wretched and abandoned sinners who have recourse to Thee; * come, then, to my help, dearest Mother, for I re-

commend myself to Thee. * In Thy Hands, I place my eternal salvation, * and to Thee do I entrust my soul. * Count me among Thy most devoted servants; * take me under Thy protection, and it is enough for me; * for, if Thou protect me dear Mother, I fear nothing; * not from my sins, because Thou wilt obtain for me the pardon of them; * nor from the devils, because Thou art more powerful than all hell together; * nor even from Jesus, my Judge himself, * because, by one prayer from Thee, He will be appeased. * But one thing I fear; * that in the hour of temptation, I may neglect to call on Thee, and thus perish miserably. * Obtain for me, then, the pardon of my sins, * love for Jesus, * final perseverance, * and the grace always to have recourse to Thee, * O Mother of Perpetual Help. *

— *Three or Five Hail Marys* —

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PRIEST—Thou has been made for us, O Lady, a refuge.

PEOPLE—A Helper in need and tribulation.

PRIEST—LET US PRAY:—O Lord Jesus Christ,

Who hast given us Thy own Mother Mary, Whose glorious image we venerate, to be a Mother ever ready to help us; grant, we beseech Thee, that we who constantly implore Her help may merit always to experience the fruits of Thy Redemption, Who livest and reignest world without end.

PEOPLE—Amen.

PRAYER OF SAINT ALPHONSUS IN HONOR OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Most Holy and Immaculate Virgin and my Mother, Mary; * to Thee, Who art the Mother of my Lord, * the Queen of the world, * the Advocate, the Hope, and the Refuge of sinners, * I have recourse today, I who am the most miserable of all. * I render Thee my most humble homage, O Great Queen, * and I thank Thee for all the graces Thou hast obtained for me until now, * and, in particular, for having saved me from hell * which I have so often deserved. * I love Thee, O most Amiable Lady; * and, for the love which I bear Thee * I promise to serve Thee always, * and to do all in my power to make

others also love Thee. * I place in Thee all my hopes, * and I confide my salvation to Thy care. * Accept me for Thy servant and receive me under Thy mantle, * O Mother of Mercy. * And, since Thou art so powerful with God, * deliver me from all temptations; * or, rather, obtain for me the strength to triumph over them until death. * Of Thee I ask a perfect love for Jesus Christ; * through Thee I hope to die a good death. * O my Mother, by the love which Thou bearest to God, * I beseech Thee to help me at all times, * but, especially, at the last moment of my life. * Leave me not, I beseech Thee, until Thou seest me safe in heaven, * blessing Thee and singing Thy mercies for all eternity. * Amen; so I hope; so may it be.

ACT OF CONSECRATION

Desiring to consecrate myself entirely * to the service of the ever Blessed Virgin Mary, * from Whom, after God, * I expect all help and assistance in life and in death, * I unite myself to the members of this pious confraternity, * which has been erected in

honor of our Mother of Perpetual Help. *

As my special patron, I choose the glorious St. Alphonsus, * that he may obtain for me * a true and lasting devotion to the ever Blessed Virgin, * Who is honored by so sweet a name.

I promise, moreover, * to renew my consecration to the Mother of God and to St. Alphonsus * on the.....* and frequently to receive the holy Sacraments. *

O Mother of Perpetual Help, * receive me as Thy servant, * and grant that I may ever experience * Thy constant motherly protection. * I promise to have recourse to Thee * in all my spiritual and temporal necessities. * My holy patron, St. Alphonsus, * obtain for me the grace of an ardent love for Jesus Christ, * and the grace of always invoking the Mother of Perpetual Help. * Amen. *

— SERMON —

If there is to be a discourse sing Hymn "Come Holy Ghost" on page 15 or "Veni Creator" on page 16

— HYMN —

"MOTHER DEAREST"—page 12

Benediction Service

Kneeling—All Sing

O SALUTARIS HOSTIA

O Salutaris Hostia,
Quae coeli pandis ostium!
Bella premunt hostilia,
Da robur, fer auxilium.

Uni trinoque Domino
Sit sempiterna gloria!
Qui vitam sine termino
Nobis donet in patria.

Indulgence of 5 years. (112)

TANTUM ERGO

Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui,
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui.
Praestet fides supplementum,
Sensuum defectui.

Genitori, Genitoque
Laus et jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque,
Sit et benedictio.
Procedenti ab utroque,
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

PRIEST—Panem de coelo praestitisti eis; (Alleluia).

PEOPLE—Omne delectamentum * in se habentem. (Alleluia).

PRIEST—OREMUS:—Deus, qui nobis sub Sacramento mirabili Passionis tuae memoriam reliquisti; tribue, quaesumus, ita nos Corporis et Sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari, ut redemptionis tuae fructum in nobis jugiter sentiamus. Qui vivis et regnas in saecula saeculorum.

PEOPLE—Amen.

— The Blessing —

While the priest blesses by making the sign of the cross with the Blessed Sacrament say silently:

MY LORD AND MY GOD.

Indulgence of 7 years. Plenary once a week if recited daily. (107)

The Divine Praises

Repeat aloud after the Priest

BLESSED BE GOD!

Blessed be His Holy Name!

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man!

Blessed be the Name of Jesus!

Blessed be His most Sacred Heart!

Blessed be Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar!

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy!

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception!

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother!

Blessed be St. Joseph her most chaste spouse!

Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints!

Indulgence of 3 years. 5 years if publicly recited.
(646)

THE LITANY OF LORETO

PRIEST—Lord, have mercy on us.

PEOPLE—Christ, have mercy on us.

PRIEST—Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.

PEOPLE—Christ, graciously hear us.

PRIEST—God the Father of heaven.
PEOPLE—Have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world.
Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Ghost.
Have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God.
Have mercy on us.

Holy Mary.
Holy Mother of God.
Holy Virgin of virgins.
Mother of Christ.
Mother of divine grace.
Mother most pure.
Mother most chaste.
Mother inviolate.
Mother undefiled.
— PRAY FOR US —

Mother most amiable.
Mother most admirable.
Mother of good counsel.
Mother of our Creator.
Mother of our Savior.
Virgin most prudent.
Virgin most venerable.
Virgin most renowned.
Virgin most powerful.
Virgin most merciful.
Virgin most faithful.
Mirror of justice.
Seat of wisdom.
Cause of our joy.
Spiritual vessel.
Vessel of honor.
Singular vessel of devotion.
Mystical rose.
Tower of David.
Tower of ivory.
House of gold.
Ark of the covenant.
Gate of Heaven.
Morning star.

PRAY FOR US — PRAY FOR US

Health of the sick.
Refuge of sinners.
Comforter of the afflicted.
Help of Christians.
Queen of Angels.
Queen of Patriarchs.
Queen of Prophets.
Queen of Apostles.
Queen of Martyrs.
Queen of Confessors.
Queen of Virgins.
Queen of all Saints.
Queen conceived without original sin.
Queen of the most holy Rosary.
Queen of Peace.
} PRAY FOR US — PRAY FOR US

PRIEST—Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world.

PEOPLE—Spare us, O Lord.

PRIEST—Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world.

PEOPLE—Graciously hear us, O Lord.

PRIEST—Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world.

PEOPLE—Have mercy on us.

PRIEST—Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

PEOPLE—That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

PRIEST—LET US PRAY:—Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord God, unto us Thy servants, that we may rejoice in continual health of mind and body; and, by the glorious intercession of blessed Mary ever Virgin, may be delivered from present sadness, and enter into the joy of Thine eternal gladness. Through Christ our Lord.

PEOPLE—Amen. Indulgence of 7 years. (290)

THE MEMORARE

Remember, * O most gracious Virgin Mary, * that never was it known that anyone who fled to Thy protection, * implored Thy help, * and sought Thy intercession, * was left unaided. * Inspired with this confidence, * I fly unto Thee, * O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. * To Thee I come, * before Thee I stand, * sinful and sorrowful. * O Mother of the Word Incarnate, * despise not my petitions, * but in Thy mercy, hear and answer me. Amen. * Indulgence of 3 years. (309)

PRAYER IN SPIRITUAL WANTS

O Mother of Perpetual Help, * with the greatest confidence I come before Thy Sacred Picture, * in order to invoke Thine aid. * Thou hast seen the wounds * which Jesus has been pleased to receive for our sake; * Thou hast seen the Blood of Thy Son flowing for our salvation; * Thou knowest how Thy Son desires to apply to us the fruit of His Redemption. * Behold I cast myself at Thy feet, * and pray Thee to obtain for my soul the grace I stand so much in need of. * O Mary, most loving of all mothers, * obtain for me from the Heart of Jesus, * the source of every good, this grace, * (here mention it silently). * O Mother of Perpetual Help, * Thou desirest our salvation far more than we ourselves; * Thy Son has given Thee to us for our Mother; * Thou hast Thyself chosen to be called Mother of Perpetual Help. * I trust not in my merits, but in Thy powerful intercession; * I trust in Thy goodness; * I trust in Thy motherly love. * Mother of Perpetual Help, * for the love Thou bearest to Jesus, Thy Son and my Redeemer, * for the love of Thy great servant Alphonsus, * for the love

of my soul, * obtain for me the grace I ask of Thee. Amen. *

PRAYER IN TEMPORAL WANTS

¶ Mother of Perpetual Help * numerous clients, continually surround Thy holy Picture, * all imploring Thy mercy. * All bless Thee as the assured help of the miserable; * all feel the benefit of Thy maternal protection. * With confidence, then, * do I present myself before Thee in my misery. * See, dear Mother, the many evils to which we are exposed; * see how numerous are our wants. * Trials and sorrows often depress us; * reverses of fortune and privations are grievous, * bring misery into our homes; * everywhere we meet the cross. * Have pity, compassionate Mother on us and our families; * especially in this my necessity * (here mention it silently). * Help me, O my Mother in my distress; * deliver me from all my ills; * or if it be the Will of God that I should suffer still longer, * grant that I may endure all with love and patience. * This grace I expect of Thee with confidence, * because Thou art our Perpetual Help. *

PRAYER IN SICKNESS

O dear Mother of Perpetual Help, * behold how much I suffer from this my sickness. * Together with the body my soul is also afflicted. * I have not even strength to say a prayer as I ought to do. * Nothing is able to give me any relief. * Even the visit and compassion of my best friends * does not give me any comfort. * Hence, my courage begins to fail; * impatience and sadness oppress my soul. * In this my great distress I put all my trust in Thee, * most tender of all mothers. * Thy compassionate heart will certainly have pity on me; * yes most merciful Mother, * Thou wilt not forget Thy poor, afflicted child. * (mention sickness silently). * Obtain then for me courage and strength * to accept all these trials from the hand of God with patience and resignation. * If it is for the good of my soul, * grant that I may recover my former health; * but if it is the Will of God that I should suffer still longer, * or that this sickness should lead me to a better life, * I am perfectly resigned, * for I am sure that Thou, O loving Mother, * wilt obtain for me the grace to do whatever God demands of me. Amen. *

PRAYER FOR FINANCIAL AID

Realizing dear Mother Mary, * that Thou art our Perpetual Help, * not only in spiritual but likewise in temporal necessities, * we approach Thee with submissive and humble hearts, * because we have a childlike confidence in Thy power and goodness, * beseeching Thee to assist us in our present financial worry. * Owing to untoward circumstances which have arisen in our lives, * we are in dire want and pecuniary embarrassment, * being unable to meet our honest debts. * We are not asking, dearest Mother, for wealth, * if possession of it, is not in accordance with the holy Will of God; * we merely beg for that assistance * which will enable us to satisfy our pressing obligations. * We believe, dear Mother, * that Thou art the Queen of heaven and earth, * and as such the instrument and special dispensation of Thy Divine Son Jesus Christ; * that Thou hast acquired by virtue of Thy wonderful dignity, * a sweet jurisdiction over all creation. * We believe that Thou art not only rich and bountiful, * but extremely kind and generous to all Thy loving children. * We plead with Thee then, dear Mother, * to obtain for us the

help we so urgently need in our present financial difficulty. * We thank Thee, dear Lady, and promise to publish far and wide, * the marvels of Thy glorious Picture. Amen. *

PRAYER FOR PERSEVERANCE

O holy Virgin Mary, * who to inspire us with boundless confidence, * hast been pleased to take the sweet name of Perpetual Help, * I implore Thee to come to my aid always and everywhere; * in my temptations; * after my falls; * in my difficulties; * in all the miseries of life; * and above all, at the hour of my death. * Give me, loving Mother, the desire, * nay more, the habit always to have recourse to Thee, * for I feel assured that if I invoke Thee with fidelity * Thou wilt be faithful to come to my assistance. * Obtain for me then, this grace of graces, * the grace to pray to Thee without ceasing, * and with child-like prayer that I may ensure Thy perpetual help * and final perseverance. * O Mother of Perpetual Help, * pray for me now and at the hour of my death. Amen. *

PRAYER FOR WANTS OF THE CHURCH

O holy Virgin Mary, * whom we love to call our Mother of Perpetual Help , * show us that Thou dost merit this beautiful title * by continually shielding the Church and its august Head with Thy protection. * Through the infinite merits of Jesus Christ, * which we offer by Thee to the Eternal Father, * do Thou obtain for sinners the grace of a sincere repentance; * for the dying, the grace of a holy death; * for the souls of our deceased relations, * the grace of deliverance from the flames of Purgatory; * and for all of us, * the grace of pardon and abundant mercy. Amen. *

PRAYER FOR CONVERSION OF NON - CATHOLICS

Trusting in Thy goodness, O sweet Mother of Perpetual Help, * because Thou art the Mother of Mercy and the Refuge of sinners, * we beseech Thee to look with pitying eyes upon those * who are living outside the pale of the one true Church. *

So many non-Catholics possessed of kind hearts, * with a charity for God's poor, * are honestly seeking religious truth, * but with difficulty because they are blinded by misinformation and inherited prejudice. * These souls, O Mother of Perpetual Help, * are destitute of the knowledge of the one true faith, * yet they must be dear to Thee as they are to Thy adorable Son Jesus, * because redeemed by His precious Blood. * We plead with Thee O Mary, * for the conversion of all those who walk in the darkness of error and sin. * Virgin Mother, as Thou art called the: "Seat of Wisdom," * enlighten the minds of our separated brethren, * that they may discover the consoling truths of our holy faith, * and having discovered them, * willingly accept and believe in them. * O Mary, grant us this wonderful favor, * that all immortal souls ransomed by the blood of Thy dying Son, * may soon be united to us by the bonds of divine charity, * so that there may be but one fold and one Shepherd. Amen. *

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PRAYER TO KNOW ONE'S VOCATION

BEHOLD at Thy feet, O Mother of Perpetual Help, a humble and lowly client of Thine, who is a prey to doubt and anxiety concerning his vocation. As Thou art the established guide of poor mortals here below, to Thee do I send up my sighs and tears, from this world's tempestuous sea. Knowing, dearest Mother of Perpetual Help, that I can be saved only in that state of life to which I have been attracted by the superabundant graces Thy Divine Son bestows on me; my one desire is to accomplish the holy Will of God, in all that pertains to my future; for only in doing that shall I succeed in working out my eternal salvation. Meditating on those holy and inspired words: "With fear and trembling work out your salvation," fills me with dread and alarm lest following after the allurements of a wicked world, because more pleasing to my carnal inclinations, I may neglect the divine attraction to a higher life of perfection, and thus abusing grace lose my soul and perish miserably. O dearest Mother of Perpetual Help, guide and direct me safely in the choice of a state of life wherein I may best serve here upon earth, the divine plans of my Lord and Savior, that hereafter I may see and possess Him for all eternity. Amen.

FOR CONVERSION OF A SINNER

¶ MARY, Mother of Perpetual Help, Thou knowest so well the great value of an immortal soul. Thou knowest what it means, that every soul has been redeemed by the Blood of Thy Divine Son, Thou wilt not then despise my prayer, if I ask from Thee the conversion of a sinner, nay a great sinner who is rapidly hurrying on towards eternal ruin. Thou, O good, merciful Mother, knowest well his (her) irregular life. Remember that Thou art the refuge of sinners, remember that God has given Thee power to bring about the conversion of even the most wretched sinners. All that has been done for his soul, has been unsuccessful; if Thou dost not come to his assistance, he will go from bad to worse. Obtain for him an effectual grace that he may be moved and brought back to God and his duties. Send him, if necessary, temporal calamities and trials, that he may enter into himself, and put an end to his sinful course. Thou, O most merciful Mother, hast converted so many sinners at the intercession of their friends, be, then, also moved by my prayer, and bring this unhappy soul to true conversion of heart. O Mother of Perpetual Help, show that Thou art the Advocate and Refuge of sinners. So I hope, so may it be. Amen.

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FOR RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

O DEAR Virgin Mother, Thou art recognized as the Perpetual Help of religious communities because Thou dost form and prepare the hearts of Thy chosen children who are called to imitate Thy Divine Son unto perfection. Whilst upon earth Thy beloved Jesus, viewing the fruitful fields did say: "The harvest indeed is great, but the laborers are few." How true are those words now. The harvest is ripe but the laborers are few. Direct then to our community, devout and generous subjects who are actuated by a sincere desire to continue the sublime work of Redemption and publish everywhere the glories of Christ's kingdom. There are many pure and noble hearts which feel the divine attraction to the religious life, but fear to take a forward step, because they see only the sacrifices but not the reward. They see the sword but not the divine and merciful hand that inflicts the wound; they see the cross but not the crown. Obtain for these virginal souls, the courage necessary to renounce the allurements of a wicked world that they may follow in the footsteps of Thy adorable Son Jesus Christ. Hence we beseech Thee, O Mother of Perpetual Help, to send to our community youthful hearts, animated with a desire for their own sanctification and the salvation of immortal souls. Lastly dearest Mother, as Thou dost know so well the value of a religious vocation, obtain for us Thy devoted children, the greatest of all gifts, the grace of final perseverance. Amen.

INVOCATIONS

O Mother of Perpetual Help, Thou whose very name inspires confidence,
That I may be victorious in the trying hour of temptation,
That I may quickly rise again should I have the misfortune to fall into sin,
That I may break asunder any bonds of Satan, in which I may become entangled,
Against the seductions of the world, evil companions and bad books,
That I may soon return to my former fervor, should I ever become lukewarm,
In my preparation for the sacraments and the performance of my Christian duties,
In all the trials and troubles of life,
Against my own inconstancy, that I may persevere to the end,
That I may ever love and serve Thee and always invoke Thy assistance,
That I may be able to induce others to love, serve and pray to Thee,
O Mother to my last hour, to my last breath, do Thou ever—

Help me, O loving Mother!

Help me, O loving Mother!